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1. The Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) mission which arrived in Peiping in July 1951 discussed with Chinese Communist officials plans for an attack on South Vietnam via Thailand and Laos across the 16th parallel. The attack will bypass North Vietnam.

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2. [REDACTED] DRV General Staff convened a conference of regimental commanders and above near Yen Bay.¹ Those present included Hoang Van Thai, DRV Chief of Staff, and General Nguyen Dinh Can, a member of the General Staff. Results of the conference, called primarily to discuss the planning of an offensive against Laos in accordance with the decisions reached at Peiping, include the following:

a. General Hoang Sam was rushed to Laos from Intersector III, where he had gone in mid-September, in order to reorganize guerrillas into regular units in collaboration with Prince Souphanavong, head of the Lao Resistance Government, and Vo An Giao, a Vietnamese Commander in the area.²

b. It was arranged that one unit from each DEV division participate in the Nghia Lo attacks in order to divert French troops to this area while preparations are made to send a task force into Laos.

c. The conference also reviewed and revised tactics and strategy to adapt against the shipment of new American weapons to the French and the means to undermine the Vietnamese Government conscription through physical sabotage of French military schools.³

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. The French recently detected and neutralized a DRV plot to destroy the Bac Ninh training school.

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